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COLUMBIA COUNTY COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

Key COVID-19 Data Summary for Columbia County as of July 14, 2020 1:30 p.m.

- Total negative counts: 7129
- Total positive counts: 125
- Total currently active and in isolation: 20 of 125
- Total currently active and hospitalized: 2 of 20
- Total ever hospitalized: 18 of 125
- Total deaths: 1
- Total Recovered cases: 93 of 125
- Total number of active investigations by setting: 6 (Long-term care facility - 1; Workplace (non-health care) - 3; Group housing facility - 1; Health care facility - 0; Other setting - 1)

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I get tested for COVID-19?

In Columbia County, testing for COVID-19 is provided at [Aspirus Divine Savior Healthcare](#) in Portage and [Prairie Ridge Healthcare](#) in Columbus. A free community testing site is located at the [Alliant Energy Center](#) in Madison. Columbia County Health Department is currently in discussion with our two local hospitals to possibly start community testing in Columbia County.

Where can I find updated daily statistics for COVID-19 cases in Columbia County?

Visit our [Columbia County website](#) for updated daily statistics for COVID-19 cases.

Which age group has the highest percentage of cases in Columbia County?

As of 7/14/2020, the age group with the highest percentage of cases are age 20-29 at 23%. In Wisconsin, the highest percentage of cases are also age 20-29 at 25%.

Why are the positive COVID-19 case numbers rising so much in the last month?

Columbia County and Wisconsin is experiencing significant community spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 remains very contagious. Our best protection against COVID-19 is to continue maintaining 6' social distance, wearing face coverings when you can't maintain that distance, avoiding large gatherings, washing hands and disinfecting surfaces regularly, and staying home when sick.

Where do the positive cases of COVID-19 live in Columbia County?

You can see where the number of positive cases of COVID-19 live in Columbia County by [census track data](#).

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What is the current level of COVID-19 Activity in Columbia County and how is that determined?

The current level of COVID-19 activity in Columbia County is HIGH. Regions and counties in our state are classified as high, medium, or low activity levels for disease spread by combining the case burden and trajectory indicators. The burden (case rate) for Columbia County is currently moderately high. The trajectory (percent case change) shows no significant change from the past week. COVID-19 activity level is a summary indicator on whether the burden (case rate) is low, moderately high, or high and whether the trajectory (case change) status is significantly shrinking, growing, or have no statistically significant change. This data dashboard makes it possible for Wisconsinites to better understand the level of COVID-19 activity they face in their communities and to take precautions accordingly.

Do people who test positive for COVID-19 but have no symptoms transmit the virus to others?

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recent studies show there is evidence supporting transmission of COVID-19 while pre-symptomatic or asymptomatic. If you test positive for COVID-19 and do not have symptoms, you should remain in isolation for at least 10 days after your test date. See the Isolation release flyer for those who are diagnosed with COVID-19, but never felt sick.

Who do I talk to regarding my opinion if face masks should be required in Columbia County?

Please talk to your elected Columbia County Board Supervisor. Per our Columbia County Corporation Counsel, Columbia County elected officials and not County employees will have to decide this question for Columbia County.

What is the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Guidance for Summer Activities now that Columbia County has a high level of COVID-19 activity?

Please see the WIAA Guidance for Summer Activities document. It is the decision of each local school district administrator to determine if they can safely conduct summer athletic contact days. Columbia County Health Department is meeting regularly with School Administrators, School Nurses and Parochial School Principals in Columbia County.

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